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## **Consumer Price Index for St. Louis Annual changes from the first half of 2000 to the first half of 2001**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the St. Louis metropolitan area increased 3.3 percent over the last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. According to Bob Gaddie, Regional Commissioner, energy costs rose 16.2 percent over the year. Excluding energy, the CPI for St. Louis was up 2.1 percent.

Housing costs, led by rising energy costs, accounted for almost two-thirds of the increase in the St. Louis index. Over the year, the cost of housing increased 5.8 percent. Fuels and utilities prices were up 21.1 percent. Utility natural gas prices rose 63.7 percent while electricity prices edged up 0.5 percent. Household furnishings and operations increased 6.1 percent. Shelter costs, including rent and owners' equivalent rent, rose 2.6 percent.

Transportation prices rose 2.1 percent over the year. Motor fuels increased by 5.7 percent, after advancing 45.8 percent in the previous year. Motor fuel prices have risen a total of 59.6 percent from their recent low in the second half of 1998.

Apparel prices rose 1.7 percent over the year, after declining in both of the previous years.

Food and beverage prices rose 1.2 percent. Prices for food purchased for consumption at home rose 1.8 percent while prices for food away from home declined 0.3 percent. Alcoholic beverage prices were up 0.6 percent.

Medical care prices rose 3.7 percent over the year after increasing 5.2 percent the previous year. Recreation prices rose 1.6 percent over the year. Education and communication prices rose 0.6 percent. Other goods and services prices increased 3.3 percent, driven by rising prices for tobacco and smoking products.

The St. Louis CPI-U stood at 167.5 for the first half of 2001. This means that a market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84 cost \$167.50 in the first half of 2001.

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Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes for semiannual averages and percent changes for selected periods

St. Louis, MO-IL (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Semiannual average indexes			Percent change to 1st half 2001 from-	
	1st half 2000	2nd half 2000	1st half 2001	1st half 2000	2nd half 2000
Expenditure category					
All items .....	162.1	164.0	167.5	3.3	2.1
All items (1967=100) .....	481.6	487.4	497.6	-	-
Food and beverages .....	166.5	167.1	168.5	1.2	.8
Food .....	164.7	165.5	166.8	1.3	.8
Food at home .....	157.7	158.8	160.6	1.8	1.1
Food away from home .....	179.0	178.3	178.4	-.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	178.6	176.6	179.7	.6	1.8
Housing .....	152.9	157.0	161.8	5.8	3.1
Shelter .....	171.8	172.3	176.3	2.6	2.3
Rent of primary residence .....	155.6	157.8	161.1	3.5	2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) .....	177.7	179.5	182.5	2.7	1.7
Fuels and utilities .....	127.0	145.1	153.8	21.1	6.0
Fuels .....	112.3	135.3	141.9	26.4	4.9
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	115.4	139.3	145.6	26.2	4.5
Electricity .....	127.3	146.1	128.0	.5	-12.4
Utility natural gas service .....	103.0	133.4	168.6	63.7	26.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	130.9	134.2	138.9	6.1	3.5
Apparel .....	121.1	120.7	123.1	1.7	2.0
Transportation .....	150.5	150.8	153.6	2.1	1.9
Private transportation .....	150.4	150.8	153.8	2.3	2.0
Motor fuel .....	135.0	135.4	142.7	5.7	5.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	133.0	133.3	140.6	5.7	5.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular (2).....	129.2	129.3	136.7	5.8	5.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade (2) (3)....	151.1	151.7	160.2	6.0	5.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium (2).....	132.2	132.7	139.1	5.2	4.8
Medical care .....	255.5	258.2	264.9	3.7	2.6
Recreation (4).....	103.1	103.3	104.8	1.6	1.5
Education and communication (4).....	103.6	103.8	104.2	.6	.4
Other goods and services .....	227.3	229.6	234.8	3.3	2.3
Commodity and service group					
All items .....	162.1	164.0	167.5	3.3	2.1
Commodities .....	148.7	148.8	151.4	1.8	1.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	137.8	137.7	140.8	2.2	2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	149.3	149.3	154.5	3.5	3.5
Durables .....	123.4	123.0	123.9	.4	.7
Services .....	177.2	180.9	185.2	4.5	2.4
Special aggregate indexes					
All items less medical care .....	157.0	158.9	162.2	3.3	2.1
All items less shelter .....	160.1	162.6	165.9	3.6	2.0
Commodities less food .....	139.8	139.6	142.8	2.1	2.3
Nondurables .....	158.7	159.0	162.5	2.4	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	151.6	151.5	156.6	3.3	3.4
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	186.5	193.5	198.4	6.4	2.5
Services less medical care services .....	169.4	173.1	177.2	4.6	2.4
Energy .....	122.0	134.9	141.8	16.2	5.1
All items less energy .....	167.7	168.6	171.3	2.1	1.6
All items less food and energy .....	168.6	169.3	172.5	2.3	1.9

- 1 Index is on a November 1982=100 base.
- 2 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
- 3 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
- 4 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- Data not available.